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face on one of the at least one of the implant-engaging members and the associated retainer and a receiving region defined in the other of the at least one of the implant-engaging members and the associated retainer for receiving the raised surface.

15. The orthopedic implant inserter of claim 9, wherein each retainer further comprises a latch that is pivotally attached to an end of the shaft of the retainer and removably engageable with another end of the shaft of the retainer in the retaining configuration.

16. The orthopedic implant inserter of claim 15, wherein each implant-engaging member is pivotal about the pivot axis of the aligned mounting bores and each latch includes an integral surface that engages and biases the respective implant-engaging member toward a selected pivotal position when the latch is in the retaining configuration.

17. The orthopedic implant inserter of claim 9, wherein the first and second handles either move away from or toward each other depending on a direction that the knob is rotated.

18. The orthopedic implant inserter of claim 9, wherein the opening in the second handle is threaded and interacts with a threaded portion of the shaft of the adjuster.

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19. The orthopedic implant inserter of claim 9, wherein the opening in the first handle receives an end portion of the shaft of the adjuster.

20. The orthopedic implant inserter of claim 19, wherein the end portion of the shaft of the adjuster is held in place in the opening in the first handle using a pin extending through the opening of the first handle in a direction perpendicular to an orientation of the shaft of the adjuster.

21. The orthopedic implant inserter of claim 9, wherein the shaft of the adjuster extends in a direction generally perpendicular to the first and second handles.

22. The orthopedic implant inserter of claim 9, wherein the shaft of each retainer extends through the associated handle and implant-engaging member when the retainer is in the retaining configuration.

23. The orthopedic implant inserter of claim 9, wherein the pivoting of the first and second implant-engaging members on the respective first and second handles changes a distance between the first and second implant-engaging members in the first plane.

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